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Lenin's death anniversary (21 January) gets the usual heavy publicity. There is voluminous regional output on the elections to town, rayon and oblast Soviets. The purity of the ideological line maintained in the legal profession as well as in the outstanding law institutes is questioned in an IZVESTIA article which points to a number of hitherto unmentioned "heretics" who are still active in basic law research. This sudden blast against the legal sciences, involving in addition to noted legal experts the Institute of Law of the USSR Academy of Sciences and the All-Union Institute of Juridical Sciences, is apparently inspired by Stalin's BOLSHEVIK article "Economic Problems of Socialism in the USSR." The "subjectivism and idealism" attacked by Stalin in the field of political economy are said to have gained a foothold in juridical sciences as well. Like the recently upbraided economists, the lawyers are now to draw their inspiration and wisdom from the BOLSHEVIK article and "reconstruct" (perestroit) their "creative" activities accordingly. That a more thorough scrutiny of juridical science is in order may be gathered from the reference to certain "bourgeois legal forms" and even "trashy" bourgeois legal terminology which have been "borrowed" by Soviet science.

There has been considerable comment on the Soviet radio in the past two years on what might be construed as passive resistance to intensified mechanization of industry and agriculture on the part of the workers and management alike. Scattered references and allusions to the subject contained in the general propaganda treatment of mechanization suggest that the major workers' objection to the installation of additional labor-saving devices is that it is invariably followed by a "release" (osvobozhdenie) of excess workers "for work elsewhere." It is probably this "transfer to elsewhere," which under the Soviet labor distribution set-up may mean thousands of miles, that is obviously discouraging to workers who have come to associate new machinery with their own potential dislocation.

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